

Conference Call: Arkansas Environmental Justice (EJ) Update

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time)

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Draft Agenda

1. EJ Screen Data Updates
2. Arkansas EJ Collaborative Action Plan
 - a. Activity Updates
 - b. Additional Opportunities: Region 4 EJ Academy
3. Regional and National Activities
 - a. EPA Grants Award Process Webinar May 25, 2016
 - b. ADEQ Public Hearing on GP-Crossett PSD Permit, June 7, 2016
 - c. Oklahoma EJ Training Workshop, June 13-15, 2016, Oklahoma City
 - d. EJ2020 Public Comment Period, May 23 – July 7, 2016
 - e. Five-State Region 6 EJ Summit, Aug. 9-10, 2016, Dallas, TX
4. Topics for Next Call – August 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Talking Points

Roll Call.

1. **EJ Screen Data Updates** – We had a presentation on EJ Screen at the EJ Training Workshop. Many of you use EJ Screen in your work, so I invited Tai Lung from the EPA HQ Office of Environmental Justice to talk to us about data updates to the tool.
 - a. Training for communities on how to use the tool and information provided?
 - b. Other Questions?
2. **Arkansas EJ Collaborative Action Plan**
 - a. Activity Updates. We finalized the action plan and shared it with you and our State partners on March 29, 2016. Our goal is to do quarterly status updates on the key activities in the plan. The next call for updates is planned for July 2016. Please send any activity updates that support the key activities in the plan.
 - i. Focus Area 1 – Healthy Air Water and Land. The Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule have been stayed by the courts. The plan for Arkansas under the Regional Haze Rule is still slated for August 2016. The Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (Phase 2) and the new ozone standard are scheduled to become effective in 2017. (CSAPR notice was signed on February 26, 2016 and submitted for publication in the Federal Register to take effect 60 days afterwards). A community meeting for the North Little Rock Auto Salvage Site was held on May 17, 2016. Phase 3 of the

cleanup is scheduled to begin in June 2016 and to be complete by late Summer 2016.

- ii. Focus Area 2 – Local Emergency Planning and Preparedness. The 2016 LEPC Workshop schedule for Arkansas and Region 6 has been shared. From Emily Harris: 1) Discussion on how we can best approach local disaster response officials about including EJ considerations and the use of EJSCREEN to quickly identify areas of concern. Speaker at the annual EMS conference or provide information to ADH, ADEM, ADEQ, etc? 2) Using EJSCREEN for Assessment Initiatives course.
 - iii. Focus Area 3 – Assistance with Grassroots Capacity Building. One of the programs that we've been pursuing as part of this focus area is CUPP. Also, I've been sending emails regarding trainings, grants and other assistance programs. Give me some feedback on the frequency of emails: too much, too little, or just right. If you know of trainings, conferences, etc that would be of interest to the group, please email to me, and I will forward out. Having reviewed the comments/status updates as of March 29, are there any inputs/suggestions on the activities for Focus Area 3?
 - iv. Focus Area 4 – MVDC: Crossett, AR. We are continuing to work with ORD to explore potential projects. The findings from the NEIC inspection are in the enforcement action process. Mr. and Mrs. Bouie from CCEJ were part of a group of EJ advocates that met with the DRA on May 17, 2016.
- b. Additional Opportunities: Region 4 EJ Academy. OEJTIA Official Response: R6 has discussed the EJ Academy project with R4 to get information about the concept, development and conduct of their EJ Academy. After these discussions, we have determined that while we will not be able to replicate their effort, we are open to working with our stakeholders based on specific needs and interests, to provide opportunities for capacity building and training of community-based groups and residents. This type of activity could be in the form of a training event, webinar, etc. where we tailor the activity for the needs of our audience. We are happy to engage in discussions going forward.
- i. Are there any specific topics of interest?
 - ii. Other ideas?

3. Regional and National Activities

- a. EPA Grants Award Process Webinar May 25, 2016. We encourage you or someone in your organization to attend this webinar if you are interested in applying for grants. For example, the EJSG is a good grant to start with.
- b. ADEQ Public Hearing on GP-Crossett PSD Permit, June 7, 2016
- c. Oklahoma EJ Training Workshop, June 13-15, 2016, Oklahoma City. Does anyone have any questions or interest in attending the workshop?
- d. Five-State Region 6 EJ Summit, Aug. 9-10, 2016, Dallas, TX. The summit is a great opportunity for us to come back together one year later to assess what has been done to continue the efforts that were started at the Arkansas workshop.
 - i. Can members of the drafting workgroup attend?
 - ii. Can Mr. and Mrs. Bouie attend?

4. Topics for Next Call – Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 2:00 pm